



ELECTION HANDBOOK

*Presidential General Election
November 4, 2008*

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San Bernardino County REGISTRAR OF VOTERS Needs Poll Workers

We always need poll workers to assist us on Election Day. This is a great way to serve your community and get involved with the democratic process while earning extra money. We recruit Clerks and Inspectors to staff the elections held throughout the year. **The next election is November 4, 2008.**

Inspectors' Duties

- Organize Set-Up of Polling Place
- Assign Clerks to Precincts, Duties and Breaks
- Resolve Voting Issues
- Return Ballots to a Pick-Up Location at the End of Election Night

Clerks' Duties

- Assist in Set-Up of Polling Place
- Greet the Voter
- Locate Voter on Roster
- Issue Ballot Cards
- Direct Voter to Voting Machines
- If Necessary, Demonstrate to the Voter How to Vote
- Retrieve the Ballot Card Once the Voter Has Completed the Voting Process

Training

For each election, all Poll Workers must attend a two-hour training class for which they will receive \$15.00. All inspectors are required to attend a 3-hour training class. Inspectors will be paid \$30.00 for the class. Training classes are held throughout the County at various times and locations.

Pay

- Inspector - \$135.00, Clerk - \$100.00
- Bilingual Poll Workers will receive an additional \$10.00.

Election Day Hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The polls are set up between 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. and are open at 7:00 a.m. The polls are closed at 8:00 p.m. and closing procedures may take up to one hour to complete.

If you can help, please contact Poll Worker Recruitment at (909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-VOTE.

I. WHAT'S NEW

A. Voting System Approval:

On August 3, 2007, Secretary of State Debra Bowen withdrew approval of voting systems throughout the State, which includes the Sequoia Voting System used by San Bernardino County. In the Secretary of State (SOS) denial report of the Sequoia Voting System, the SOS placed 38 conditions that must be met in order to have the machines recertified. Pursuant to Elections Code 19222, the Secretary of State is authorized to withdraw approval previously granted to any voting system or part of any voting system if the SOS determines that the voting system is defective.

Even though the SOS report identified alleged deficiencies in the Sequoia electronic voting system, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) is confident that the current electronic voting system is accurate and secure. The SOS "Top to Bottom Review" was not conducted in a real-life election environment. The ROV office adheres to strict security procedures and free access is not provided to voting equipment. Our dedicated poll workers receive thorough training and are diligent in adhering to security procedures. Since 2004, touch screen voting has allowed this office to provide timely election results. In light of the SOS report, the ROV will continue to communicate with Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc. and the SOS with the goal of obtaining unconditional certification for future elections.

One of the 38 conditions referenced in the SOS report/mandate permits the use of only one (1) touch screen voting unit per polling place, with the provision that the results are hand-counted. This unit will provide accessible balloting to voters with disabilities in compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The SOS has de-certified the use of electronic touch screen voting machines for all other uses during the upcoming elections.

The Registrar of Voters will comply with the requirements as set forth in the SOS August 3, 2007 mandate by implementing the following plan:

Provide one touch screen voting unit per polling location to provide accessible voting for voters with disabilities in compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Provide paper ballots at polling locations for voters.

After the polls close, voted precinct ballots will be delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office for tabulation through the use of existing optical scanning equipment.

Prepare New Poll Worker Training Program to include procedures for issuing, voting, and processing paper ballots.

Promote Permanent Mail Ballot Voting as an alternative to voting at the polls.

B. Partners in Democracy:

The Registrar of Voters has implemented "Partners in Democracy" for the November 4, 2008 Presidential General election. This new program offers businesses or community organizations an opportunity to take part in a team-building exercise that will develop a commitment to our democratic process while enhancing the group's reputation as a civic-minded organization.

Groups taking advantage of this partnership will be responsible for staffing a polling place on Election Day. The assigned polling place will feature a sign highlighting their participation, which will not only enhance their public image, but they may be able to use this as an opportunity for fundraising. A fully staffed polling place will be paid a stipend for their time and commitment. These funds can be used for their organization's projects, a tax-deductible donation to a charity of their choice or paid to each worker individually.

Staff assigned to these polling places must attend a two-hour Registrar of Voters training class. Classes will be held throughout the County or special arrangements may be made to conduct training at a specific time and location.

Businesses or organizations interested in becoming a Partner in Democracy should contact the Polls Section at 909-387-8300 for more information.

C. Early Voting:

Early voting for the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election will be available at the following locations:

LOCATION	DATES/TIMES
Registrar of Voters 777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415	October 6 – November 4 Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday, October 25 and Saturday, November 1 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Barstow and Tanger Outlets	Saturday, October 18 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Yucca Valley Community Center	Saturday, October 18 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
The Shoppes at Chino Hills	Sunday, October 19 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
Victoria Gardens, Rancho Cucamonga	Sunday, October 19 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
San Bernardino County Government Center	Monday, October 20 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Chaffey Community College, Rancho Cucamonga	Monday, October 20 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
San Bernardino County Government Center	Tuesday, October 21 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Fontana Lewis Library and Technology Center	Tuesday, October 21 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

LOCATION	DATES/TIMES
California State University, San Bernardino	Wednesday, October 22 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Highland Sam J. Racadio Library & Environmental Learning Center	Wednesday, October 22 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
California State University, San Bernardino	Thursday, October 23 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Victor Valley College	Thursday, October 23 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Victor Valley College	Friday, October 24 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Apple Valley Super Target	Saturday, October 25 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

D. Votemobile

San Bernardino County employees and all county residents were invited to “**Shake, Rattle and Rock the Vote**” in a night of baseball at the Quakes Epicenter Stadium in Rancho Cucamonga on Friday, August 22nd at 7 p.m. The Registrar of Voters took this opportunity to debut the newly refurbished **Votemobile**, which previously served County residents as a **Bookmobile**. The **Votemobile** will travel to outlying locations within the County and will be used to encourage voting by mail, promote voter education, registration and early voting.

E. Office Remodel

On Tuesday, July 22, 2008, the Registrar of Voters held an Open House to acquaint the public with the newly remodeled office and warehouse space. In the past 30 years, there had been limited improvements to the work/office area, while the number of registered voters had more than doubled and the number of vote by mail voters increased from approximately 14,000 to nearly 200,000. To accommodate this growth and ease the overcrowded workspace during election periods, the ROV expanded with an additional 5,145 square feet of space. In addition to the increased space provided, work was completed to install a new mezzanine in the warehouse and provide an expanded and more efficient customer service area, training room for pollworkers/ temporary staff and an area for programming and testing of equipment.

During the filing period for the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election, candidates were processed in the remodeled Training Room. This change from the front counter allowed staff to provide candidates privacy as well as a comfortable environment in which they could complete their documents and receive necessary information.

F. Working with the Media

Media releases are available on the ROV web site so that information can be more easily distributed within your organizations. We also send them to everyone on our media distribution list. If you are not currently on our list and would like to be added, please contact Kathy Jackson at (909) 387-2083.

Election results will be posted on the ROV Web site at (<http://www/sbcrov.com>).





II. WHO CAN I CALL?

News Releases	News releases are sent to members of the media and to City Clerk's offices from a mailing list we have compiled. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, contact Kathy Jackson at (909) 387-2083. News releases are also posted to our web site at www.sbcrov.com .
Web Site	<p>Internet users can access the Registrar of Voters' home page at www.sbcrov.com. Select the Current Election tab, then the June 3, 2008 Statewide Primary Election link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive polling place locator – voters can simply point and click on the interactive locator and enter their residence address. The locator provides the name and address of their polling place, a map, and a link to their sample ballot pamphlet. • Election results – results will be posted on election night starting shortly after 8 p.m. The first results are from mail ballots only. • Links to other sites – we provide a link to the Secretary of State's web site for statewide totals on our web site. From that site you can also link to many other elections offices throughout the state.
Media Interviews	Interviews may be scheduled with Kari Verjil, Registrar of Voters by calling Kathy Jackson at (909) 387-2083.
Election Mailings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County of San Bernardino Sample Ballot Pamphlet – is mailed to all registered voters. It contains: voting page facsimiles; text, arguments, and rebuttals of local measures; candidates' statements for local nonpartisan races; voting instructions; location and accessibility of polling location; and an application for a mail ballot. It is printed in English and Spanish in accordance with Federal and State mandates. • State of California Voter Information Guide – mailed by Secretary of State to registered voters (one to a household), and contains information on state measures only. Available in English, Spanish and several other languages. Also available on the internet at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm
TDD	Telecommunication device for the deaf is available at: (909) 387-2788.
Bilingual	There are Spanish-speaking operators to assist voters at the Registrar of Voters office and at many of our polling places throughout the County.

III. IMPORTANT DATES/STATISTICS

A. Key November 4, 2008 Dates

First Day Mail Ballots Available	10/6
Early Voting	10/6 - 11/4
Last Day to register to vote	10/20
Last Day to request a Mail Ballot	10/28
ELECTION DAY	11/4
Official Canvass Period	11/5 - 12/2

B. Key Election Statistics on Ballot Content:

Number of Cities	17
Number of Elective Positions to be Voted on	197
Number of State Propositions	12
Number of Local Measures	18
Number of Qualified Political Parties	6

C. Voting History Information

ELECTION TITLE	ELECTION DATE	REG VOTERS	TOTAL VOTERS	% OF TURNOUT	MAIL BALLOT ISSUED	MAIL BALLOT VOTED	% OF AV VOTED	AV % OF TOT VOTED
<i>Statewide Primary</i>	6/3/08	754978	154977	20.53	254618	97965	38.48	63.21
<i>Presidential Primary</i>	2/5/08	723661	376614	52.04	224250	147520	62.78	39.17
<i>Consolidated Election</i>	11/6/07	583567	77315	13.25	168741	54352	32.21	70.29
<i>General Election</i>	11/7/06	751652	358417	47.8	209891	138167	65.82	38.55
<i>Direct Primary Election</i>	6/6/06	748385	185579	24.8	180834	86111	47.61	46.4
<i>Consolidated Spec. Statewide</i>	11/8/05	753616	323860	42.97	178721	119584	66.91	36.92
<i>Presidential General</i>	11/2/2004	737559	528387	71.64	186627	142781	76.51	27.02
<i>Presidential Primary</i>	3/2/04	649501	172267	26.52	124272	83499	67.19	48.47
<i>Statewide Special Election</i>	10/7/03	632948	387030	61.15	120068	95293	79.00	24.62
<i>General Election</i>	11/5/02	616402	294361	47.75	98715	74195	75.16	25.21
<i>Direct Primary Election</i>	3/5/02	621144	178396	28.7	70945	46084	65	23.7
<i>Consolidated Election</i>	11/6/01	640349	88651	13.84	46659	26959	57.78	30.41
<i>Presidential General</i>	11/7/00	691548	464402	67.15	115787	100830	87.08	21.71
<i>Presidential Primary</i>	3/7/00	636923	316916	49.7	85302	68642	80.47	21.66

D. Registering To Vote

The last day to register to vote in the Statewide Primary Election is October 20, 2008. **New citizens** (naturalized after the close of registration) may register and vote a complete ballot at the ROV until October 28, 2008.

Registration statistics (effective 9/15/2008):

COUNTYWIDE	VOTER COUNT	PERM MAIL BALLOT
American Independent	20,264	5,436
Democrat	303,531	85,766
Green	2,695	647
Libertarian	3,392	911
Non-Partisan	134,641	32,307
Peace and Freedom	2,326	423
Republican	307,132	104,525
DISTRICT TOTAL	773,981	230,015

IV. SERVICES TO CANDIDATES/CAMPAIGNS

All Candidates receive a Candidate Handbook with information on what is necessary to run for office, election deadlines, and the rules/regulations that apply. Candidates are invited to attend Campaign Service Seminars, which are held at various locations throughout the County to discuss all the important information relevant to running a campaign and let them know what services are available from the Registrar of Voters.

V. VOTING MATERIAL

A. Sample Ballot Pamphlets

The Sample Ballot Pamphlet contain facsimiles of the voting pages, text/arguments/ rebuttals of local measures, candidate statements for local non-partisan races, voting instructions, locations and accessibility of polling location, and applications for mail ballots. This information is available in English and Spanish.

B. State Voter Information Guides

The State Voter Information Guide contains information on State measures and were printed and mailed by the Secretary of State (one to a household) to all voters registered to vote by the close of registration. There are twelve state propositions included in the State Voter Information Guide for this election. They are available in English and Spanish in San Bernardino County and in several other languages through the Secretary of State. State measure information is available on audiotapes at the ROV office, Lighthouse for the Blind, and California Council for the Blind. The Secretary of State also sends them to libraries.

C. State Propositions

State Propositions are consecutively numbered from year to year. There are twelve state propositions to be voted on.

YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	Proposition 1A SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND ACT To provide Californians a safe, convenient, affordable, and reliable alternative to driving and high gas prices; to provide good-paying jobs and improve California's economy while reducing air pollution, global warming greenhouse gases, and our dependence on foreign oil, shall \$9.95 billion in bonds be issued to establish a clean, efficient high-speed train service linking Southern California, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area, with at least 90 percent of bond funds spent for specific projects, with private and public matching funds required, including, but not limited to, federal funds, funds from revenue bonds, and local funds, and all bond funds subject to independent audits? Fiscal Impact: State costs of \$19.4 billion, assuming 30 years to pay both principal and interest costs of the bonds. Payments would average about \$647 million per year. When constructed, unknown operation and maintenance costs, probably over \$1 billion annually; at least partially, and potentially fully, offset by passenger fares.
YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	Proposition 2 STANDARDS FOR CONFINING FARM ANIMALS. INITIATIVE STATUTE Requires that certain farm animals be allowed, for the majority of every day, to fully extend their limbs or wings, lie down, stand up and turn around. Limited exceptions apply. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown decrease in state and local tax revenues from farm businesses, possibly in the range of several million dollars annually. Potential minor local and state enforcement and prosecution costs, partly offset by increased fine revenue.
YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	Proposition 3 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOND ACT. GRANT PROGRAM. INITIATIVE STATUTE Authorizes \$980,000,000 in general obligation bonds for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipping of eligible children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$980 million) and interest (\$933 million) costs of the bonds. Payments of about \$64 million per year.
YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	Proposition 4 WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution, prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent, legal guardian, or, in limited cases, substitute adult relative. Provides an exception for medical emergency or parental waiver. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.
YES NO	REQUIRED TO PASS: Majority	Proposition 5 NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENSES. SENTENCING, PAROLE AND REHABILITATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allocates \$460,000,000 annually to improve and expand treatment programs. Limits court authority to incarcerate offenders who commit certain drug crimes, break drug treatment rules or violate parole. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs potentially exceeding \$1 billion annually primarily for expansion of offender treatment programs. State savings potentially exceeding \$1 billion annually on corrections operations. Net one-time state prison capital outlay savings potentially exceeding \$2.5 billion.

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 6
NO	Majority	POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING. CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND LAWS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires minimum of \$965,000,000 of state funding each year for police and local law enforcement, Makes approximately 30 revisions to California criminal law. Fiscal Impact: Increased net state costs exceeding \$500 million annually due to increasing spending on criminal justice programs to at least \$965 million and for corrections operating costs. Potential one-time state prison capital outlay costs exceeding \$500 million.
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 7
NO	Majority	RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires government-owned utilities to generate 20% of their electricity from renewable energy by 2010, a standard currently applicable to private electrical corporations, Raises requirement for all utilities to 40% by 2020 and 50% by 2025. Fiscal Impact: Increased state administrative costs up to \$3.4million annually, paid by fees. Unknown impact on state and local government costs and revenues due to the measure's uncertain impact on retail electricity rates.
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 8
NO	Majority	ELIMINATES RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry. Provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Fiscal Impact: Over next few years, potential revenue loss, mainly sales taxes, totaling in the several tens of millions of dollars, to state and local governments. In the long run, likely little fiscal impact on state and local governments.
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 9
NO	Majority	CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. VICTIMS' RIGHTS. PAROLE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Requires notification to victim and opportunity for input during phases of criminal justice process, including bail, pleas, sentencing and parole. Establishes victim safety as consideration for bail or parole. Fiscal Impact: Potential loss of state savings on prison operations and increased county jail costs amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Potential net savings in the low tens of millions of dollars annually on parole procedures.
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 10
NO	Majority	ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. BONDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$5 billion in bonds paid from state's General Fund, to help consumers and others purchase certain vehicles, and to fund research in renewable energy and alternative fuel vehicles. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$10 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Increased state and local revenues, potentially totaling several tens of millions of dollars through 2019. Potential state administrative costs up to about \$10 million annually.
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 11
NO	Majority	REDISTRICTING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Changes authority for establishing state office boundaries from elected representatives to commission. Establishes multilevel process to select commissioners from registered voter pool. Commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and representatives of neither party. Fiscal Impact: Potential increase in state redistricting costs once every ten years due to two entities performing redistricting. Any increase in costs probably would not be significant.

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Proposition 12
NO	Majority	VETERANS' BOND ACT OF 2008
		This act provides for a bond issue of nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000) to provide farm and home aid for California veterans. Fiscal Impact: Costs of about \$1.8 billion to pay off both the principal (\$900 million) and interest (\$856 million) on the bonds; costs paid by participating veterans. Average payment for principal and interest of about \$59 million per year for 30 years.

D. Local Measures

Local measures are given letters in alphabetical order, beginning with the next letter after the last measure in a previous election, in accordance with County policy.

Following are all of the local ballot measures for San Bernardino County. Each Measure appears ONLY on the ballots in the district, city, or agency affected.

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure A
NO	55%	CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
		LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFETY AND REPAIR MEASURE
		Shall Central School District improve, repair, replace, upgrade aging classrooms, restrooms, electrical systems, wiring, lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems and other school facilities/sites to meet current safety standards, provide emergency communication safety systems, computer/technology upgrades, construct/acquire facilities/equipment, replace outdated portable classrooms with permanent classrooms, by issuing \$31,000,000 of bonds, at legal rates, with independent oversight, no money for administrators' salaries without increasing current tax rates?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure C
NO	Majority	CITY OF VICTORVILLE
		INCREASE IN TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX RATE
		Shall Resolution No. 08-130 of the City of Victorville be adopted, increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax (hotel/motel tax) from seven percent (7%) to ten percent (10%), which is imposed upon transients, to fund general City services?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure D
NO	2/3	CITY OF BARSTOW
		BARSTOW CRIME PREVENTION/FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT MEASURE
		To hire enough new police officers/firefighters/paramedics to fight gangs/crime; shut down meth/drug hotspots; meet minimum firefighter/paramedic staffing levels; and acquire police, fire and emergency safety equipment, shall the City of Barstow enact a ¾ cent transaction (sales) and use tax ordinance, requiring all funds generated be spent on Barstow's fire, police and emergency protection/response with expenditures subject to annual independent audits and citizens' oversight?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure E
NO	55%	VICTOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
		SAFETY/CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENT MEASURE
		To maintain safety/academics, attract excellent teachers; upgrade schools by repairing classrooms; upgrading technology, electrical systems; installing security cameras/door locks; improving pick-up/drop-off zone safety; increasing energy efficiency to reduce costs; equipping/acquiring sites, facilities/joint-use projects; building schools to relieve overcrowding; shall Victor Elementary School District qualify for State matching funds and issue \$150,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring citizens' oversight, audits, no money for administrators' salaries?

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure G
NO	55%	COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL CLASSROOM REPAIR, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION/EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT MEASURE To reduce overcrowding, improve every neighborhood school, attract quality teachers and qualify for state matching grants, build middle and high schools, improve libraries, science/computer labs, repair restrooms, increase security, after-school program and joint-use space, drop-off zone safety, and acquire, construct, repair equipment/sites/facilities, shall Colton Unified School District issue \$225,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, requiring citizen oversight, audits and no money for administrators' salaries?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure H
NO	Majority	CITY OF NEEDLES Do you approve of the placement of a casino by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe on part of a 300 acre parcel of tribal land located approximately four and one-half miles west of the City of Needles and adjacent to Interstate 40?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure I
NO	Majority	CITY OF NEEDLES Shall the City Council conduct a feasibility study and if the feasibility study demonstrates that the City of Needles can re-establish and operate its own police force at an acceptable level of service and at an acceptable cost which is equal to or less than the current and projected costs of contracting with the Sheriff's Department, shall the City Council be required to re-establish and operate its own police department?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure JJ
NO	55%	VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE PUBLIC SAFETY/HEALTHCARE/ JOB TRAINING MEASURE To improve education, prepare students for well-paying jobs/university transfer/qualify for State matching funds, shall Victor Valley Community College District improve classrooms, science labs, educational buildings, establish a Workforce Training Center/Public Safety Academy for nursing, healthcare, emergency medical, police, firefighting/business careers, upgrade infrastructure, acquire sites, equipment, construct/repair buildings, by issuing \$297,500,000 in bonds, with legal rates, independent citizens' oversight/no money for administrators' salaries?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure R
NO	Majority	CRESTLINE SANITATION DISTRICT ADVISORY VOTE ONLY I am in favor of changing the governance of the Crestline Sanitation District ("the District"), which is currently governed by a board composed of the members of the Board of Supervisors, to a district governed by a locally elected board composed of residents of the District.
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure S
NO	Majority	COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT #39 PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT NUMBER THIRTY-NINE TO ESTABLISH A HIGHER STANDARD OF ETHICS FOR STAFF MEMBERS OF COUNTY ELECTED OFFICERS Shall the Charter of the County of San Bernardino be amended to establish a higher standard of ethics for staff members of County elected officers?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure T
NO	Majority	CITY OF LOMA LINDA Shall approximately 1675 acres of land owned by the City of Loma Linda in the South Hills area be permanently preserved for open space and recreational uses?

YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure U
NO		ARROWBEAR PARK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
		Shall the Arrowbear Park County Water District fund the purchase and/or lease, and maintenance, of fire engines and firefighting apparatus and equipment by means of a special tax of \$45.00 per parcel per year, adjusted annually for inflation, for a maximum of 30 years?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure V
NO	55%	VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
		SAFE SCHOOLS, CLASSROOM REPAIR AND EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT MEASURE.
		To make essential health/safety repairs, increase after-school program space to reduce juvenile violence, repair restrooms, leaking roofs/decaying walls, fire/security systems, upgrade technology, equipment and vocational classrooms, acquire property/build classrooms/schools to relieve severe overcrowding, and make schools eligible for state matching grants, shall Victor Valley Union High School District issue \$500,000,000 in bonds, at legal interest rates, with citizens' oversight, annual audits and no money for administrators' salaries?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure W
NO	55%	RIM OF THE WORLD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
		RIM OF THE WORLD SCHOOLS CLASSROOM UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT MEASURE
		To repair, upgrade, acquire, equip and construct local school classrooms, upgrade electrical, heating, plumbing and fire safety systems, replace aging roofs, install energy efficient improvements, shall Rim of the World Unified School District be authorized to issue \$23,340,000 of bonds, at legal interest rates, with no funds for administrator salaries and appoint an independent oversight committee to monitor all bond expenditures?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure X
NO	55%	HELENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
		CLASSROOM SAFETY/REPAIR MEASURE
		To maintain quality education, qualify for State matching funds, improve Helendale schools by upgrading security systems/electrical wiring/plumbing/technology, improving school pick-up/drop-off zone safety, building computer/science labs, middle school, kindergarten classrooms, fixing roofs, repairing/upgrading aging/outdated schools, acquiring property and improving Helendale Charter High School, shall Helendale School District issue \$20,000,000 in bonds, at legal interest rates, requiring Citizens' Oversight, independent annual audits, and no money for administrators' salaries?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure Y
NO	55%	CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE
		APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE CITY'S HOTEL TAX
		Shall an ordinance be adopted to increase the rate of the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (also known as Hotel Tax) charged to guests of private home rentals and any other overnight lodging facility from 6% to 7% as of January 1, 2009, and 7% to 8% as of January 1, 2010?
YES	REQUIRED TO PASS:	Measure YY
NO	Majority	CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE
		ADVISORY VOTE ONLY
		If the City's Transient occupancy Tax (also known as Hotel Tax) is increased from 6% to 8%, should the City solely allocate the additional revenue to rebuild and renovate infrastructure, streets, parks, trails, lake access points and other public facilities, and prohibit the additional revenue from being used for general City operations?

YES
NO

REQUIRED TO PASS
55%

Measure Z
BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL SAFETY; VOCATIONAL EDUCATION;
CLASSROOM REPAIR MEASURE

To retain/attract excellent teachers, keep students from gangs by upgrading safety, technology security systems, energy efficiency; acquiring land; repairing, constructing, equipping schools/classrooms; adding vocational education/after-school space; fixing leaky roofs; replacing heating/air-conditioning; and qualifying for State matching grants shall Beaumont Unified School district issue \$125,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with annual financial audits, Independent Citizens' Oversight, and no money for the State or administrators' salaries?

E. Candidates' Names on the Ballot

The placement of names on the ballot is determined by a random alphabetical drawing which was held by the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters on August 14, 2008.

California Elections code stipulates the drawing of a separate random alphabet by election officials of each county sharing State Senate or Member of the Assembly districts. The results of the Registrar of Voters Random Alphabetical Drawing will be used only to arrange the names of candidates when that district is shared with more than one county.

(Applies to shared districts)

<u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u> <u>RANDOM ALPHABETICAL DRAWING</u>					<u>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</u> <u>RANDOM ALPHABETICAL DRAWING</u>				
1. R	7. L	13. F	19. N	25. B	1. Z	7. U	13. T	19. B	25. S
2. X	8. H	14. Y	20. E	26. T	2. L	8. G	14. R	20. W	26. K
3. M	9. A	15. G	21. O		3. N	9. E	15. O	21. V	
4. W	10. Z	16. V	22. P		4. J	10. P	16. H	22. Y	
5. S	11. I	17. C	23. U		5. A	11. D	17. Q	23. C	
6. J	12. D	18. K	24. Q		6. I	12. F	18. X	24. M	

F. Partisan Offices To Appear On The Ballot

FEDERAL OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	INCUMBENT/PARTY
President	George W. Bush (R)
Vice President	Dick Cheney (R)
25 th District	Howard P. Buck McKeon (R)
26 th District	David Dreier (R)
41 st District	Jerry Lewis (R)
42 nd District	Gary Miller (R)
43 rd District	Joe Baca (D)

STATE OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	INCUMBENT/PARTY
State Senate	
17 TH Senate District	George Runner (R)
29 th Senate District	Bob Margett (R)
31 st Senate District	Robert Dutton (R)
State Assembly	
32 nd District	Jean Fuller (R)
34 th District	Bill Maze (R)
36 th District	Sharon Runner (R)
59 th District	Anthony Adams (R)
60 th District	Robert Huff (R)
61 st District	Nell Soto (D)
62 nd District	Wilmer Carter (D)
63 rd District	William Emmerson (R)
65 th District	Paul Cook (R)

G. Non-Partisan Offices to Appear on the Ballot

COUNTY OFFICES	
OFFICE TITLE	
Cities	
City of Adelanto	Mayor (1 ST); Council Member (3)
Town of Apple Valley	Council Member (2)
City of Barstow	Mayor; City Clerk; Treasurer; Council Member
City of Big Bear Lake	Council Member (2)
City of Colton	City Clerk; Treasurer; Council Member, Dist. 3, 5, 6
City of Fontana	Council Member (2)
City of Grand Terrace	Council Member (3)
City of Hesperia	Council Member (2)
City of Needles	Mayor; Council Member (3)
City of Ontario	City Clerk; Treasurer; Council Member (2)
City of Rancho Cucamonga	City Clerk; Treasurer; Council Member (2)
City of Rialto	Mayor; City Clerk; Treasurer; Council Member (2)
City of Twentynine Palms	Council Member (2)
City of Upland	Mayor; Treasurer; Council Member
City of Victorville	Council Member (3)
City of Yucaipa	Council Member (3)
Town of Yucca Valley	Council Member (2)
School Districts	
Board of Education Governing Board	Member Areas C; E (shared)
Adelanto School District	Board Member (2) FT, (2) ST
Alta Loma School District	Board Member (2)
Apple Valley Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Barstow Community College District	Board Member (3)
Barstow Unified School District	Board Member (3)
Bear Valley Unified School District	Board Member (3)
Beaumont Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Chaffey Joint Union High School District	Board Member (2)
Chino Valley Unified School District	Board Member (3)
Colton Joint Unified School District	Board Member TA 1; TA 3
Copper Mountain Community College District	Board Member (3)
Cucamonga School District	Board Member (2)
Etiwanda School District	Board Member (2)

Fontana Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Helendale School District	Board Member (2)
Hesperia Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Mountain View School	Board Member (2)
Muroc Joint Unified School District	Board Member TA 3D
Needles Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Ontario-Montclair School District	Board Member (2)
Oro Grande School District	Board Member
Rialto Unified School District	Board Member (3)
Rim of the World Unified School District	Board Member TA 1; TA 2
San Bernardino City Unified School District	Board Member (3)
San Bernardino Community College District	Board Member (4)
Sierra Sands Unified School District	Board Member (3)
Silver Valley Unified School District	Board Member TA 2; TA 3
Snowline Joint Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Trona Joint Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Upland Unified School District	Board Member (2)
Victor Valley Union High School District	Board Member (2)
Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District	Board Member (3)
Special Districts	
Barstow Fire Protection District	Director (2)
Bear Valley Community Healthcare District	Director (3)
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	Director, Div. 1; Div. 2
Big Bear Airport District	Director (3)
Big Bear City Community Services District	Director (2)
Big River Community Services District	Director (3)
Chino Basin Water Conservation District	Director, Div. 2
Crestline Sanitation District	Adv. Comm. Member (5)
Cucamonga Valley Water District	Director (3); ST (1)
Hi-Desert Water District	Director FT(2); ST (1)
Indian Wells Valley Water District	Director (3)
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	Director, Div. 1; Div. 5
Joshua Basin Water District	Director FT (3); ST (1)
Mojave Water Agency	Director, Div. 1; Div. 3; Div. 7
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Districts	Director, Div. 1

San Geronio Water Agency	Director, At-large, Div. 1
Yermo Community Services District	Director (2)
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Director, Div. 1; Div. 4

VI. VOTING BY MAIL

A. Who can vote mail ballot?

Any registered voter may vote a mail ballot at the Registrar of Voters office beginning 29 days before the election and continuing until polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

B. Military and overseas voters

Ballots are mailed to requestors beginning 60 days prior to the election.

C. Requested mail ballots

Voters may request by sending in a written letter or an application – either the ROV application on the back cover of the sample ballot pamphlet, one provided by a campaign, or one downloaded from the web site. All applications must be received no later than October 28th. Ballots are mailed beginning 29 days prior to the election.

D. Emergency mail ballot

Voters may request a ballot in person (or through a designated representative) at the ROV office from October 29th through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. These ballots cannot be mailed to the voter and the voter cannot mail them back to the ROV. They must be delivered to the ROV office or any polling place no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

E. Declared Mail ballot precincts (no polling place)

These are precincts where no polling place was established because there were 250 or fewer voters. These precincts are sometimes referred to as NPP or “no polling place”. Ballots are automatically mailed to these voters approximately three weeks prior to the election.

F. Permanent mail ballot

These are voters who applied for this status and are automatically mailed a mail ballot approximately four weeks prior to the election. There are approximately 225,300 permanent mail ballot voters in this election.

G. Return of mail ballots

ALL mail ballots must be received at the ROV office or polling place no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted – postmarks do not extend this deadline. All signatures are verified before counting.

VII. POLLS AND POLL WORKERS

A. Establishing Polling Places/Polls Publication

The ROV tries to maintain consistency by using the same polling place for each election whenever possible; however there are times when polling places unexpectedly change. When this occurs, voters are notified by mail and notices are posted when a polling place is changed.

A full listing of polling places will be published on or before Friday, October 24th in The Press Enterprise and posted on the Registrar of Voters web site.

B. Recruiting And Training Poll Workers

The number of poll workers required for this election is approximately 2,700. Letters are sent to past poll inspectors and workers asking if they are willing to serve again. In addition, we rely on media releases, outreach programs and newsletters. Inspectors are required to attend a training class, receive and return supplies and they earn \$135 per election. Other poll workers earn \$100 for Election Day plus \$15 for attending a training class. We also actively recruit bilingual poll workers.

Training is conducted by Registrar of Voters staff. A total of 94 classes will be conducted over a three-week period using 15 sites located throughout the county, with make-up classes as needed.

C. Student Poll Worker Program

The student poll worker program began in 1997 to address the shortage of poll workers and to provide voter outreach. It continues to serve the voters in San Bernardino County. These students perform the same duties as other workers and earn the same pay. They must be at least 16 years of age, with a grade-point average of 2.5 or above, must be citizens and must have approval of the school district. During the June 2008 Statewide Primary Election a total of 451 students volunteered to work at the polls. The County is currently working with 33 high schools to recruit student volunteers for the November Election. This is a wonderful outreach to prepare students for becoming voters when they are 18 years of age and it is a true service to the community.

D. Exit Polls

Media or polling agencies conduct exit polls as the voters “exit” the polling places, asking voters how they voted on certain contests. Pollsters must conduct their interviews at least 25 feet from the entrance of the polls.

E. Election Day/Night Assistance To Poll Workers

ROV'er/Troubleshooters - Specially trained workers that are dispatched countywide to respond to calls for assistance from poll workers and to conduct routine inspections of assigned polls.

VIII. ELECTION NIGHT BALLOT/SUPPLY RETRIEVAL

Post office pickup - Mail ballots received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Redlands (main) post office will be picked up by ROV staff and processed during the canvass.

Sheriff's aviation will transport ballot boxes from outlying areas via fixed wing aircraft (weather permitting) flying into Rialto Airport where they are transferred to Sheriff's helicopter and flown to the ROV. In case of bad weather (snow), ballots from Big Bear will be driven to ROV by Sheriff's vehicle.

IX. HOW BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

The Registrar of Voters office is designated as Election Central and is the counting site for the entire county – it is open to the public to observe all testing procedures, counting procedures and to receive election results.

Before any ballots may be counted, the system is subject to Logic and Accuracy Testing, witnessed by an Official Observer Panel. These same computer tests are run after the count is finished. Official Observers are solicited from the County Grand Jury, the League of Women Voters, media and the political parties, city clerks and civic organizations.

Mail ballots are counted at the ROV site only.

There are (10) 400C Optech ballot reading machines that are connected to a WinEds election data system at the Registrar of Voters office. Bulletin updates occur as soon as the information is available.

Electronic Ballot Cartridges are logged in, inspected, prepared for computer counting, counted and stored. Damaged mail ballots that cannot be machine tabulated are set aside to be counted in the official canvass.

NOTE: There is a difference between ballots cast and votes cast. A voter may under vote his/her ballot (i.e. skip any of the races/measures). Voters may over vote (i.e. vote for the YES and NO on a measure) which voids the vote cast on that one measure alone.

X. OFFICIAL RESULTS AND CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION

A. Semi-official Results

All results are available at www.sbcrov.com. The first Election Night Results (semi-official) should be available at approximately 8:30 pm. Results will also be given out by phone until (15) minutes after the last count. Election night results are cumulative only - not by precinct.

B. Additional Ballot Counting

There are three categories of ballots which cannot be processed on Election Night:

Mail ballots turned in at polls – some mail ballot voters wait until the last minute to make voting choices and then drop their ballots off at polling places on Election Day. We receive these ballots very late on election night. All of these ballots must be processed – this includes verifying voter's signatures, opening the envelopes and sorting the ballots into the appropriate precinct for tabulation.

Provisional votes – are voted at the polls when a voter's registration is in question or when our records indicate the voter was already sent a mail ballot. The Help America Vote Act allows any voter to vote provisionally.

Write-in-ballots – are those where the voter has chosen to write-in a candidate's name on the write-in portion of the ballot. These must be set aside and researched after Election Day to determine whether or not the write-in vote is for a qualified/ unqualified candidate and whether or not the voter over voted (i.e. voted for a candidate for an office listed on the ballot and also voted for a write-in candidate for that same office.) In this event, neither vote can be counted for that one office, although the rest of the ballot selections will be counted. When a write-in ballot is set aside on election night it means that none of the races/measures appearing on that ballot can be counted until the research is complete. Vote counts for write-in candidates do appear on election night bulletins. Counts for qualified write-in candidates will be available when the final results are certified.

C. Official Results

The last *semi-official report* election night will contain pages of statistics showing registration/turnout numbers and percentage. Turnout represents the ballots cast.

The law allows 28 days after the election to complete the ballot tally and official audit of the election, known as the Canvass. When the canvass is complete and all records have been reviewed, official results will be prepared and the election results (count) will be certified. Certified results are then sent to: Board of Supervisors and consolidating jurisdictions in order that they may “declare” results (winners). The Board of Supervisors will declare the results of the election for races and measures under the Board's jurisdiction. Cities declare their own results.

XI. COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is the last day I can register to vote for the election?

A. The 15th day before the election. We encourage early voter registration to help ensure receipt of election materials.

Q. Who can register to vote?

A. Any citizen can register to vote if he or she is 18 years old by Election Day, a resident of California, and is not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony.

Q. I have just moved. Do I need to re-register?

A. Yes. Your voter registration should always reflect your current residence address. Requests for changes to voter registration must be in writing.

Q. When do I have to re-register?

A. The only reason for re-registering is if you move, change your name (due to marriage or court order) or change your political party affiliation.

Q. I will be 18 years old before the day of the election, but after the close of registration. Can I register to vote?

A. Yes. As long as you are 18 by Election Day and you have registered on or before the 15th day prior to the election, you will be eligible to vote.

Q. Do I have to vote all of my ballot? I only know about some of the candidates and some of the measures.

A. You may vote on as many offices and/or as many measures as you choose. Voting only part of your ballot does not void your vote.

Q. I will be out of town on Election Day and prior to receiving my Sample Ballot. How can I get a mail ballot?

A. A written request can be mailed to the Registrar's office. The written request must contain your printed name, residence address, address where you want the ballot mailed, if different than your residence address and voter's signature.

Q. When are mail ballots available?

A. Ballots are available beginning 29 days before the election.

Q. What is the latest I can apply for a mail ballot?

A. All applications for mail ballots must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the election. Emergency voting starts on the 6th day prior to an election.

Q. How soon can I return my voted ballot?

A. As soon as possible; however, the ballot must be received by the Registrar's office before the close of the polls on Election Day.

Q. I have a mail ballot and am unable to get it mailed in time to reach your office. What can I do?

A. The mail ballot can be dropped off at any polling place location within San Bernardino County on Election Day or at the Registrar of Voters office on or before Election Day at 8:00 p.m. It cannot be dropped off at polling places in another county.

Q. How can I become a permanent mail ballot voter and do I qualify?

A. Any voter may apply for permanent vote by mail status and automatically receive a mail ballot by mail each time there is an election within their precinct. To apply, a voter must complete an application which can be obtained from the Registrar's office, on the Registrar of Voters web site, or check the permanent mail ballot block on the back cover of the Sample Ballot booklet.

XII. ELECTION DEFINITIONS

- **Canvass** – State law requires an official canvass (audit of the election). This entails numerous manual processes that verify the accuracy of the computer count, including a hand tally of ballots cast in 1% of the precincts. When this audit is complete, election results are certified to the various jurisdictions, which then declare the winners. The law allows 28 days to complete the official canvass process.
- **DRE** – Direct Recording Electronic voting system, the touchscreen AVC Edge[®] units used in San Bernardino County precincts beginning March 2, 2004.
- **NPP** - No polling place was assigned because there were fewer than 250 registered voters. These voters are "declared" vote by mail and ballots are automatically mailed approximately four weeks prior to the election.
- **Official Results** - Final election tabulation is issued after completion of the official canvass and the Registrar of Voters certifies the results.
- **Provisional Ballot** - Voted at polls when a voter's registration is in question. These ballots are verified and counted after Election Night.
- **Random Draw** – The placement of names on the ballot is determined by a random alphabetical drawing held by the Secretary of State or the Registrar of Voters.
- **Requested AV** - Voters who choose to vote by mail instead of going to the polls.

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- **Unofficial Results/Semi-official** - All election results issued prior to completion of the official canvass. First reporting of unofficial results begins Election Night approximately 30-45 minutes after polls close.
 - **VBM** – Vote by mail (formerly referred to as Absentee voting).
 - **VVPAT** – Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail, the VeriVote printer attached to the DRE voting system which allows voters to vote using touch screen technology with the added convenience of reviewing a paper record of their selections before they leave the polls.
 - **Write-in Ballot** - When a voter chooses to manually write-in a vote for a candidate(s) not printed on the ballot. The entire ballot is set aside to be counted after the validity of the write-in vote is determined. Write-in ballots must be counted manually. No write-in counts will be available until the final add on count.